List the 3 immediate benefits of taking care of the poor according to Ch. 7. Discuss how God's priority is to take care of the poor. How have you made the poor a priority in your life?

1. God will promote our ministry!

He will begin to send the needy our way. No greater promoter than God himself

2. Word will hit the streets that our ministry is the place to get help!

"They will begin to say, 'If your need help go to that church they will help you."

3. God will begin to send workers and resources to meet needs.

Not only that that need help will come, but also those that have been called to partner up with the ministry. The resources and needs will finally come together. God will supernaturally provide. It's impossible for us to take care of the poor, without Him taking care of us.

God's top priority is to save the poor. He is looking to save and rescue the poor because He knows that they have hit rock bottom and are in need of a Savior. The poor are in a place of lack and have a need they can't meet, and its at this place they are ready to hear and receive the good new of Jesus Christ. Where most people see the poor as unworthy, Jesus sees them as valuable and ready to be used. He knows that they are poor but rich in faith and will inherit the kingdom of God.

Making the poor a priority of mine is something I have to do better at. I have gone out and done things for the less fortunate, but it has not been enough. Reading this chapter has really taught me that caring for the poor is like caring for Jesus and I have to always remember that. I know once I start to make more of an effort to minister and love on the poor it will show God's love and grow His kingdom.